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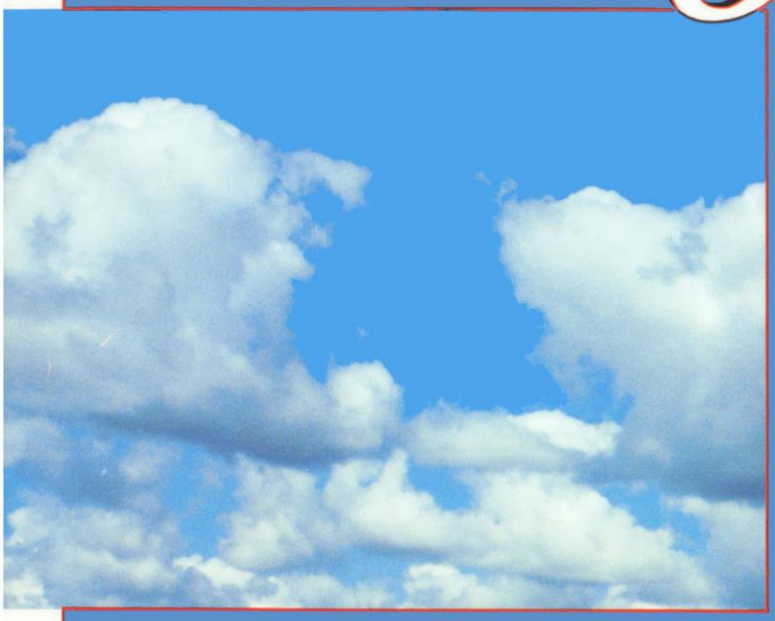

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Lesson 1

INTRODUCTION TO ANGELS

INTRODUCTION:

The Hebrew word for "angel" is *malak*. It means "one who is dispatched as a deputy or ambassador." In Greek, the word *angelos* is translated "angel," and refers to "one who brings good tidings."

READING:

Hebrews 1:13, *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?*

1. MAN'S IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS DIRECTED TOWARD SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON.

   This will be demonstrated in both good and evil supernaturalism.

   It is imperative for this generation to be fully acquainted with the real and genuine versus the false and evil.

2. THIS IS A GENERATION OF:

   A. U.F.O.'s
   B. Aliens from other planets
   C. Close encounters of the third kind
   D. The occult
   E. Exorcism
   F. Satanic worship
   G. Astrology
   H. Spiritism

3. ALL CULTURES BELIEVE IN INVISIBLE PERSONS, GOOD AND BAD

Some are mystic and some are real.

4. THERE ARE MORE REFERENCES IN THE BIBLE TO ANGELS THAN DEVILS.

It is the obligation and privilege of modern Christians to understand and use the ministry of angels. Unfortunately, the study of angels, or angelology, may be the most neglected branch of religious science.

5. AN EXCITING WORLD OF LIFE AND SPIRIT SURROUNDS HUMAN BEINGS.

Many people are unaware of this tremendous world which includes the realm of angels. The curtain that divides the natural or material world from the spiritual or supernatural may be very thin. God wants us to understand both worlds.

The Bible is the only original and accurate book on this subject. The Bible stands or falls on the validity of this topic. It must be true. There are nearly 300 references to all kinds of spirit persons and angelic activity in the Bible.

6. SOCIETY IS PROFOUNDLY IGNORANT ABOUT ANGELS.

Most people of our generation do not realize the amazing relationship of angels to human affairs.

It is possible that ignorance is a real deterrent to receiving God's messengers from heaven. Surely, unbelief hides the presence and ministry of angels. The door is closed. Interestingly, numerous persons believe in demons but do not believe in angels.

7. MEN HAVE DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGELS.

A. Angels are a subject of controversy.

B. The materialist does not believe in angels.

C. Insincere and irresponsible people make claims of supernaturalism.

D. The ass, or donkey, could see the angel, but Balaam, the prophet of doom, the seer of Beor, could not. He was blinded by greed, by the desire for promotion.

Numbers 22:22-25, 31, *And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.*
v. 23, *And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.*
v. 24, *But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.*
v. 25, *And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.*

v. 31, *Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.*

E. Elisha prayed and the Lord opened the eyes of a young man who did not comprehend the ministry of angels. He saw the mountains full of horses and chariots of fire.

II Kings 6:13-17, *And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.*
v. 14, *Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.*
v. 15, *And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?*
v. 16, *And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.*
v. 17, *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

8. THERE ARE DISTINCT CATEGORIES OF ANGELIC PERSONS.

Careful study of the scriptures reveals classifications of angelic beings.

A. Archangels

Archangels had a special relationship with men.

Jude 9, *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

B. Seraphim

These beautiful creatures are described.

Isaiah 6:1-7, *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple*.
v. 2, *Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly*.
v. 3, *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory*.
v. 4, *And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke*.
v. 5, *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*
v. 6, *Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:*
v. 7, *And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged*.

C. Cherubim

These were the first angels mentioned in the Bible. Also, two figures of Cherubim were made of gold and placed over the Ark of the Covenant.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life*.

D. Holy ones and watchers

This interesting designation for angels is found in Daniel 4:13, 23, *I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;*

v. 23, *And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;*

E. Principalities

Ephesians 6:12, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*.

F. Powers

Colossians 1:16, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

G. Thrones — Colossians 1:16

H. Dominions — Colossians 1:16

I. Evil Angels

Psalm 78:49, *He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.*

J. The four living creatures

The King James Bible classifies this group of angels as “beasts.” However, a better translation would be “living creatures.”

Revelation 4:6-9, *Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.*
v. 7, *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*
v. 8, *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*
v. 9, *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever* (NKJV).

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THE REALITY OF ANGELS

INTRODUCTION:

We are taught that a supernatural being, not human, stays close to those who fear God, and that we are delivered through this being. Do you believe in angels? Do you feel close to angels?

The Bible is the only book that gives perceptive insight into the invisible forces of the universe.

The Bible is the only known source of accurate information regarding the being and reality of angels, or the ministry of angels to humans.

READING:

Psalm 34:7, *The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them*.

1. WHAT ARE ANGELS?

   Angels are spirit beings created by God. They inhabit the spiritual world around us. In the Greek and Hebrew languages the word translated "angel" means "messenger." A messenger is a person who has been sent by another.

2. ANGELS ARE IMMORTAL PERSONS.

   An angel never grows old or weary. He lives in another domain, separate from the limited world in which we live.

   Luke 20:36, *Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection*.

3. ANGELS ARE MINISTERS TO GOD AND TO MAN.

A. Angels hear the voice of God and they obey Him.

Psalm 103:20, *Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word*.

B. You do not walk alone through this life. There are angels delegated to assist, bless, and protect you.

Psalm 91:11-12, *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*
v. 12, *They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

C. They have been sent to help Christians.

Hebrews 1:14, *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

D. Jesus became a man so He could understand your problems, sorrow, heartaches, and weariness. An angel has never been tired.

Hebrews 2:16, *For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham*.

4. ANGELS ARE INTELLIGENT PERSONS.

A. An angel is a rational personality, a spirit without corporeality. Angels are persons.

B. Angels know all the things that are on the earth.

II Samuel 14:20, . . . *My lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth*.

5. ANGELS ARE HOLY PERSONS.

They are a completely pure creation.

Mark 8:38, *Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels*.

6. ANGELS ARE MESSENGERS OF GOD.

A. Specifically, angels are the messengers of God sent to convey what God wants us to know.

Daniel 8:16, 19, *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*

v. 19, *And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.*

B. Daniel 9:21, *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*

C. Daniel 10:8, 11, *Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.*

v. 11, *And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*

D. This same Gabriel returned in the New Testament era.

Luke 1:19, *And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.*

7. ANGELS ARE WORSHIPERS IN HEAVEN

Angels primarily are worshipers of God in heaven.

Revelation 7:11, *And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.*

8. ANGELS ARE INNUMERABLE.

A. The number of angels is so great you cannot count them.

Hebrews 12:22, *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*

B. The shepherds were given a graphic illustration of that on the night our Savior was born. The number of angels who came to worship is unknown. Perhaps

the entire sky as far as the shepherds could see was filled with the heavenly messengers.

Luke 2:13, *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying . . .*

9. ANGELS ARE STRONG PERSONS.

A. Angels have great strength.

II Thessalonians 1:7, . . . *When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.*

B. Not only do they have great power, but their appearance lights up the darkness so that midnight becomes like noontime.

Revelation 18:1, *And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

C. Their strength is greater than everyone's but the Godhead. No one else is stronger than angels.

Psalm 103:20, *Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

10. A HOST OF ANGEL WARRIORS

Angels are warriors who can fight for you.

II Kings 6:15, 17, *And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?*

v. 17, *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

11. ANGELS ARE JOYFUL PERSONS.

In this world, someone is being saved every moment of the day. Someone is finding God. What a good time the angels must have! They are constantly filled with joy when a sinner comes to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

Luke 15:10, *Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.*

12. ANGELS DELIVER THE RIGHTEOUS TO HEAVEN AT DEATH.

When our spirits leave our bodies, an angel of God takes us to be with Him forever.

Luke 16:22, *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom . . .*

13. WORSHIPING ANGELS IS FORBIDDEN.

A. Colossians 2:18, *Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

B. The Bible says you should not worship angels, and angels do not want to be worshiped.

Revelation 22:8-9, *And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.*
v. 9, *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.*

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THE SCOPE OF ANGELOLOGY

INTRODUCTION:

The scope of angelology scans human history from eternity to eternity. The story of angels pervades the entire Bible record from the first man to the last man, from the first page of the Bible to the last page, where an angel declares that "there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:6). Angels are intensely active. Angels are not limited to a few people or a certain period of time.

READING:

Hebrews 2:2, *For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward*.

1. THE FIRST RECORD OF ANGELS

   When mankind was expelled from the Garden of Eden, the Bible says cherubim were sent from God to guard the gate to keep Adam from re-entering Paradise and grabbing eternal life.

   Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

2. THE RANGE OF ACTIVITY

   Angels, first of all, do God's business, and then they assist man in his activities. Angels are not limited to a few people or to a restricted time period.

3. THE LIMITED DEGREE OF ASSISTANCE

   The ministry of angels in the Bible is limited to natural physical helps. They are never a savior, lord, or god. They work for man; they are agents of God who bring to us the message that God wants fulfilled in our lives.

Revelation 22:8-9, *And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.*
v. 9, *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God*.

4. EFFECT OF ANGELS ON THE LIVES OF MEN

A. Angels are active in the lives of persons, families, cities, and nations. Angels have and do execute judgment on behalf of God.

1) Genesis 19:11, *And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door*.
2) Revelation 15:1, *And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God*.

B. The presence of angels causes men to tremble.

Daniel 10:11-12, *And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.*
v. 12, *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words*.

An angel caused Daniel to:

1) tremble
2) fear

5. ANGELS' EXTENT OF AUTHORITY

Angels are organized into degrees of authority.

Colossians 1:16, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

6. ANGELS UNLIMITED IN NUMBER

A. Daniel saw a thousand thousands which is ten thousand times ten thousand, or one hundred and one million (101,000,000) angels. Angels are unlimited in numbers.

Daniel 7:10, *A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened*.

B. There is a multitude of heavenly host.

Luke 2:13, *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God . . .*

7. ANGELIC ACTIONS

A. Angels guard the tree of life in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

B. Angels rescued Lot from Sodom.

Genesis 19:1, 15-16, *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

v. 15-16, *And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.*
v. 16, *And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city*.

C. Angels ate dinner with Abraham.

Genesis 18:1-8, *And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;*
v. 2, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*
v. 3, *And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:*
v. 4, *Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:*
v. 5, *And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.*
v. 6, *And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.*

v. 7, *And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it.*
v. 8, *And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.*

D. Jacob saw a vision of angels on a ladder.

Genesis 28:12, *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

E. The donkey saw an angel and refused to obey the prophet Balaam.

Numbers 22:23, *And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way*.

F. The prophet Balaam saw the angel.

Numbers 22:31, *Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face*.

G. Elijah was fed by an angel.

I Kings 19:5-6, *And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.*
v. 6, *And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again*.

They gave him messages.

II Kings 1:3, 15, *But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?*

v. 15, *And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king*.

H. Daniel had an angel with him in a den of lions.

Daniel 6:22, *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt*.

I. An angel announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus.

Luke 1:26-31, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*
v. 27, *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*
v. 28, *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*
v. 29, *And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*
v. 30, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*
v. 31, *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

J. Angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:8-14, *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night*.
v. 9, *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*
v. 10, *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*
v. 11, *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*
v. 12, *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger*.
v. 13, *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*
v. 14, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men*.

K. Angels strengthened Jesus in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:11, *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him*.

L. Angels were present at Jesus' resurrection.

John 20:11-12, *But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,*
v. 12, *And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain*.

8. WARFARE AGAINST FALLEN ANGELS

A. Angels can help man in our spiritual battle against fallen angels.

Ephesians 6:10-12, *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*
v. 11, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*
v. 12, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*.

B. All angelic beings are under the authority of Christ.

I Peter 3:21-22, *The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*
v. 22, *Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him*.

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Lesson 4

CATEGORIES OF ANGELIC PERSONS: NAMES AND RANKS OF ANGELS

INTRODUCTION:

There are a number of special categories or classes of angelic beings. Not all of them have wings, although some angels described in the Bible do have wings.

Some angels are of a higher degree and they are stronger than others.

Associate angels with tremendous truth, know everything the Bible says about them, so that you will be able to entertain angels.

READING:

Matthew 26:53, *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*

1. ARCHANGELS: THE GENERALS OF GOD'S ARMY

   The archangels are the most prominent angels. They rule kingdoms and planets. The word "arch" means "chief" and suggests they are a class of beings higher than ordinary angels.

   In Colossians 1:15-16, Thrones dominions, principalities, and powers in heaven are mentioned; therefore, there must be chief angels and those of lower estate.

   A. Michael is mentioned as one of the chief princes of the heavenly hosts.

      Daniel 10:13, *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia*.

      1) Michael has a special relationship with Israel.

Daniel 10:21, *But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.*

2) The Bible states that Michael especially is to assist Israel.

Jude 9, *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.*

3) Michael is a warrior angel.

Michael is apparently the commander-in-chief of a large group of angels who battle against the devil and his angels and cast them from their air domain to the earth.

Revelation 12:7-9, *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
v. 8, *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*
v. 9, *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

B. The angel Gabriel is the telecommunications chief in heaven. Gabriel is never found fighting. He was used as a messenger and stands in the presence of God.

1) In the New Testament Gabriel is concerned about the king. Gabriel tells exactly what he does.

Luke 1:19, *And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.*

That good news concerned the coming birth of John the Baptist, who would be the forerunner of the Lord Jesus, ruler of Israel and the world.

2) It was the same Gabriel that God sent to the city of Nazareth.

Luke 1:26-28, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*
v. 27, *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*
v. 28, *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*

3) In the Old Testament Gabriel's ministry was with the kingdom. He appears several times in the book of Daniel to give important revelation concerning future events, especially relating to God's kingdom.

a) Daniel 8:16-17, 19, *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*
v. 17, *So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.*

v. 19, *And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.*

b) Gabriel appeared another time to Daniel to explain the meaning of a vision.

Daniel 9:20-22, *And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication* before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
v. 21, *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*
v. 22, *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.*

C. Lucifer is the third archangel listed in the Bible.

1) Lucifer was the original ruler of the planet Earth. He is the present pseudo-ruler of man's kingdom upon the earth. Twice the Lord described Lucifer as being the prince of this world. The earth on which we live is under his authority.

John 12:31, *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out*.

John 16:11, *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged*.

2) Lucifer fell from the Father's divine grace because of his ego. When he promoted himself, he lost his position in heaven.

Luke 10:18, *And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

Isaiah 14:12-14, *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*
v. 13, *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*
v. 14, *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*.

3) Lucifer is the one who tempts all persons on earth.

Matthew 4:1, 11, *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil*.

v. 11, *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him*.

4) Although the Bible lists only single names for Michael and Gabriel, Lucifer has many names that indicate facets of his evil character. Most people know him as Satan and the devil.

a) Jesus called him the evil one (John 17:15 NKJV).
b) The book of the Revelation assigns him a virtual dictionary of names, including the Old Serpent, Great Dragon, Destroyer, Accuser, and Deceiver.
c) Other Bible references describe Lucifer as Adversary, Angel of the Bottomless Pit, Apollyon, Belial, Beelzebub, God of this World, Murderer, Prince of this World, Ruler of Darkness, Tempter, Unclean Spirit, and Wicked One.

2. SERAPHIM: PRAISE ANGELS

A. Seraphim are a group of angelic beings which possess six wings; two cover their face, two cover their feet, and two enable them to fly. They are quite distinct from other angels.

Isaiah 6:2, *Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly*.

B. Their ministry is to proclaim the holiness of God.

Isaiah 6:3, *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory*.

C. The entire earth will be filled with the glory of God as these angels minister.

Isaiah 6:3-4, *. . . the whole earth is full of his glory.*
v. 4, *And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.*

D. The Seraphim ministered to Isaiah so he could be cleansed.

Isaiah 6:5-7, *Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*
v.6, *Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:*
v.7, *And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*

3. CHERUBIM

A. These were the very first angels mentioned in the Bible. They protected the Tree of Life until it was removed to heaven.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

B. The next appearance of the Cherubim occurs in a description of the Ark of the Covenant and the mercy seat where God promised to meet and commune with Moses. Cherubim seem to have a special relationship with God.

Exodus 25:18-20, *And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.*
v. 19, *And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.*
v. 20, *And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.*

4. THE HOLY ONES AND THE WATCHERS

A. Daniel 4:13 reveals more categories of angels: Holy Ones and Watchers. These came down from heaven demanding that Babylon be destroyed.

Daniel 4:13, *I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;*

B. Due to the demands of Holy Ones and Watchers, the king of Babylon was dethroned and lived as a beast for seven years.

Daniel 4:16-17, 23, *Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him: and let seven times pass over him.*
v. 17, *This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*

v. 23, *And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;*

Could these Watchers and Holy Ones still be at work today? Nebuchadnezzar was over thrown because of his sin. From time to time, we read of contemporary rulers who are overthrown. The toppling of governments may be through the agency of these special classes of angels.

5. PRINCIPALITIES, POWERS, AND RULERS

We do not fight against people in our spiritual lives, but we struggle against principalities. A principality is a prince over a group.

Ephesians 6:12, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

6. THRONES, POWERS, AND DOMINIONS

The different ranks of Thrones, Powers, Dominions and Principalities were created by the Son and for Him.

Colossians 1:15-16, *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*
v. 16, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

7. EVIL ANGELS

God is in control of these wicked forces and even uses them for His purposes. He used them to chasten His people, the Israelites.

Psalm 78:49, *He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.*

8. THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES

A. Their ministry includes worshiping God and giving Him glory throughout all eternity.

Revelation 4:6-9, *And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*
v. 7, *And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*
v. 8, *And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.*
v. 9, *And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,*

In Revelation chapters 5, 7, and 19, they are also depicted in an attitude of worship and praise.

B. In Revelation chapter 14 they have the additional function of directing the judgment of God upon the earth. In chapter 15 they pour out the wrath of God upon unrepentant men.

The Living Creatures may have other duties that God has not revealed to us. However, the insights which have been given help us to realize that God is holy and He will not let sin go unpunished.

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WHAT ANGELS KNOW

INTRODUCTION:

The angels of God have wisdom. They know and understand all the things on the earth. Angels are known for their super intelligence. They are not fallen creatures like mankind. Angels receive information directly from God's throne, the seat of all the wisdom in the universe.

READING:

II Samuel 14:20, speaking of King David, a woman said, . . . *and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.*

1. ANGELS KNOW GOD PERSONALLY.

   You become what you are because of the people you know personally. You are affected by those who surround you. The angels know God on a face-to-face basis, and they receive their orders directly from the throne. They have a speaking relationship with the Creator of the universe.

   Angels do not study rocks to see when the world was made. They talk to the One who made it. Surely angels must laugh at the stupidity of the professors in our world who, after thousands of years, know so little because they tried to learn it the wrong way. If men went directly to God, like the angels, they would know more.

   A. Gabriel received orders from God.

      Luke 1:19, *And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.*

   B. Michael receives his orders from God.

      Daniel 10:21, *But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of*

truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

C. God's throne is surrounded by angels.

Revelation 5:11, *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*

2. ANGELS KNOW DEMON ACTIVITY.

They know their enemies and the strategy of their enemies. They know how to deal with their adversary, and they know what the enemy has done in the past.

Angels contended with the devil for the body of Moses.

Jude 9, *Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee*.

3. ANGELS KNOW HUMANS.

A. Angels knew Adam.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life*.

B. Angels knew Abraham.

Genesis 18:2, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*

C. Angels knew Lot.

Genesis 19:1, *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

D. Angels knew Daniel.

Daniel 6:22, *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

E. Angels knew Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Luke 1:26-27, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*
v. 27, *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary*.

F. Angels knew Jesus.

Matthew 4:11, *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him*.

G. Angels knew Paul.

Acts 27:23, *For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,*

4. ANGELS KNOW CONDITIONS—GOOD AND BAD.

A. Angels knew Abraham would properly direct his family.

Genesis 18:10, *And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him*.

B. Angels knew the sins of Israel.

I Chronicles 21:16, *And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces*.

C. Angels know more about the problems of the United States than any living American. They understand the human condition.

5. ANGELS KNEW WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN.

Luke 1:30-31, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*
v. 31, *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS*.

The angels knew Christ the day He was born.

Luke 2:11, *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

6. ANGELS DO NOT KNOW WHEN CHRIST WILL RETURN.

A. Although the angels do not know when Jesus will return, they do have the knowledge that he will one day return.

Acts 1:10-11, *And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*
v. 11, *Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven*.

B. There are some secrets that angels do not know.

Mark 13:32, *But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father*.

7. ANGELS KNEW THE RESURRECTION.

A. An angel rolled the stone away.

Matthew 28:2, *And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it*.

B. An angel spoke to Mary about his knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 28:5-7, *And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.*
v. 6, *He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*
v. 7, *And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.*

8. ANGELS KNOW TODAY'S HAPPENINGS.

A. God keeps the angels informed.

B. Humans are their concern. Angels know all about you. They know your needs, problems, heartaches, and labor. The angels are aware of whatever you might need, and your guardian angel is probably working on the solution.

C. Prophecy is being fulfilled regarding angels. Their relationship to this world will be greater in the future than it has been in the past. In the last days, the works of angels will be manifested a thousand times more often than they have ever been before. Men and women living today will see and know angels.

Do not believe things the Bible does not say about angels; the entire story of angels is found in the Bible.

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WHAT ANGELS DO

INTRODUCTION:

Angels are very active and dedicated. God respects and confers with angelic personalities, even about you.

Luke 12:8, *Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God:*

When you do something unusual for the Father and He is well-pleased with you, He confesses that before the holy angels who surround His throne. As His courtiers, they hear what He has to say while He confesses your good behavior. That is a tremendous truth for the future.

READING:

Psalm 91:11, *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*

1. ANGELS WORSHIP GOD.

   The angels' number one function is to worship God.

   Revelation 7:11, *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God* (NKJV).

2. ANGELS DIRECT BELIEVERS.

   A. The Bible records 104 appearances of angels specifically to help direct the lives of men. More than 1/3 of the 300 references to angels in the Bible show them talking to men, helping them to know their destiny and how to live before God.

B. Judges 6:12, *And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"*

"Angel of the Lord" is a special designation. Not all of the angels are called that. There is a certain angel called "Angel of the Lord."

He spoke a prophecy. Gideon was not "a mighty man of valor." When the angel arrived, Gideon was hiding. What a difference an angel made in that man's life!

3. ANGELS PROTECT BELIEVERS.

Paul was on the raging seas during a storm; inevitable death stared him in the face, but he was not alone.

Acts 27:23, *"For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,*

4. ANGELS INFORM BELIEVERS.

Gabriel announced John the Baptist's birth to his father Zacharias.

Luke 1:13-20, *But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*
v. 14, *"And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.*
v. 15, *"For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*
v. 16, *"And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.*
v. 17, *"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*
v. 18, *And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."*
v. 19, *And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.*
v. 20, *"But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."*

5. ANGELS ESCORT BELIEVERS TO HEAVEN AT DEATH.

When you leave this earth, you do not go alone into the presence of God. Angels are the escorts who carry you with shouting and great joy, announcing, "Another person has achieved the victory into the kingdom of God and heaven."

Luke 16:22, *"So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.*

6. ANGELS DELIVER GOD'S JUDGMENT TO THE UNGODLY.

A. Let the heathen know that the angels of God, working for godly people, can bring destruction to the ungodly.

II Kings 6:17, *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

B. Joshua 5:13-15, *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
v. 14, *And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*
v. 15, *And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

7. ANGELS HELP ISAAC FIND A BRIDE—REBECCA.

Abraham declared that God's angel would choose the bride for Isaac.

Genesis 24:7, *The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.*

8. AN ANGEL ROLLED AWAY THE STONE ON RESURRECTION DAY.

A. Angels are energetic workers. They rolled away the heavy stone from the tomb's entrance.

Matthew 28:2, *. . . for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.*

B. Angels celebrated the resurrection. An angel, whose countenance was the lightning and whose covering was pure white, sat in victory at the empty tomb.

Matthew 28:3, *His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.*

9. AN ANGEL SHUT THE MOUTHS OF LIONS.

An angel of the Lord protected His servant and closed the mouths of the lions so they could not harm Daniel.

Daniel 6:22, *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

10. AN ANGEL WENT INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE IN BABYLON.

An angel walked back and forth with the Hebrew children, giving them power over fire such as angels already have.

Daniel 3:25, *He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.*

Daniel described an angel.

Daniel 10:5-6, *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:*
v. 6, *His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

11. ANGELS APPEAR INCOGNITO.

Sometimes an angel will appear and you will not realize it. God says that you should not forget to entertain strangers because it might be an angel that is trying to get close to you.

Hebrews 13:2, *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

A. Abraham was unaware.

Genesis 18:2, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*

B. Lot was unaware.

Genesis 19:1, *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

C. Mary Magdalene was unaware.

Luke 24:4, *And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:*

12. ANGELS HELP CHILDREN.

Angels minister especially to children.

Matthew 18:10, *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

In this chapter children are referred to seven times. Jesus loved and sought children, and He wants you to do the same. If the angels are particular about how to treat children, you should be also.

Matthew 18:2-3, *And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,*
v. 3, *And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

13. ANGELS DIRECT EVANGELISTS.

A. An angel asked Philip to go to the desert to teach a sinner, an Ethiopian under Queen Candace, how to find God. The angel told Philip exactly which route to take. To be sure he understood, the angel said, ". . . which is desert." Go the desert road.

Acts 8:26, *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

B. An angel directed Cornelius how to get help by giving him Peter's name and address.

Acts 10:3, 5-6, *He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.*

v. 5, *And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:*
v. 6, *He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.*

14. ANGELS CAUSED WATERS TO HEAL.

John 5:4, *For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.*

15. ANGELS HELP REAP THE FINAL HARVEST.

Jesus said in Matthew 13:39, *. . . the reapers are the angels. The harvest is immortal souls.*

At the time of the Great Tribulation the harvest will be so great that men will be unable to reap it by themselves. The angels will step in to gather this glorious harvest of souls to God. The Church will already be with the Lord in heaven.

CONCLUSION:

The different types of things that angels do show us angels have a wide variety of ministries on earth. In the last days, Jesus Christ will do more than He has ever done before. There will be angels for ministry, and God wants you and me to be turned towards heaven and the angels.

In this prophetic moment, many people will see angels and become acquainted with them. You will not see them afar off. You will know them by name, have fellowship with them, and they will be able to bless you. You will find them tender, loving, concerned, helpful, and spiritual. They will measure up to all the things you expect.

God created these beautiful persons so they can praise Him in heaven and do all the things He desires done in heaven. Angels were created to bless mankind on the earth.

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WHY DOES GOD USE ANGELS?

INTRODUCTION:

Psalm 103:20 records four ministries of angels; they are urged to praise the Lord, excel in strength, do His commandments, and be obedient to the voice of His Word. God has an orderly universe of constellations and creatures. Let us study about some of these creatures—the angels. Why does God use angels in His divine economy, especially in relationship to you and me?

READING:

Psalm 103:20, *Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*

1. MAN DESIRES THE STRENGTH OF ANGELS.

   Angels are not inhibited by the things that limit humans: time, lack of knowledge, and lack of energy.

   Man has always desired this superhuman power and strength for his own selfish reasons and purposes. He shows selfishness throughout history.

   A. Man's heroes in mythology have often been men of unusual strength.

      1) The story of Achilles describes a man who was immune to injury except in his heel.
      2) Hercules displayed superhuman strength.
      3) Atlas held the weight of the world upon his shoulders.

   B. Today films and television shows deal with man's desire for superhuman abilities:

      1) "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "The Exorcist" are among Hollywood's big moneymakers. The scripts deal with tremendous demon forces which hold power over men.

2) Superman
3) Wonder Woman
4) The Bionic Man
5) The Bionic Woman
6) The Incredible Hulk
7) Ghosts
8) Aliens
9) Erotic sex
10) The craze for the occult
11) Songs devoted to or related to the devil and demons

2. MEN WILL ATTAIN THIS POWER.

A. In the resurrection, man will be equal or superior to angels in strength, intelligence, capability, and worship.

After discussing the differences between the glory of the celestial creations in I Corinthians 15, Paul contrasts the present, earthly human body with the resurrected body.

I Corinthians 15:42-44, *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*
v. 43, *It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*
v. 44, *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

B. The Bible says we shall be as angels in heaven.

Matthew 22:30, *For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*

On one occasion an angel of the Lord destroyed an army of 185,000 men in a single night.

II Kings 19:35, *And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.*

3. WHY DOES GOD USE ANGELS?

According to the Bible, God created angels to do the following:

A. Adore, worship, and praise Him around His throne. He created them for praise.

Revelation 5:11-12, *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*
v. 12, *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing*.

B. To protect the Throne of God

They are the militia of heaven who protect the throne. Satan may desire to come against that throne again, but the angels prevent it.

Isaiah 6:1-2, *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.*
v. 2, *Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly*.

C. Some act as messengers sent on special assignments. Angels are faithful to carry God's instructions quickly, perfectly, and obediently.

Judges 6:12-21 records the story of an angel who was sent to Gideon with a message from God. When Gideon asked for a sign, the angel touched Gideon's offering with his staff, and fire rose out of the rock, consuming the sacrifice. The angel's actions and message ministered faith and courage to Gideon so that later he was able to overcome his fear and stand against Israel's enemies.

D. Other angels are informers.

They enlightened Abraham concerning the destruction of Sodom.

Genesis 18:2, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him . . .*

Angels also relay information to God about certain conditions on earth. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is an example.

Genesis 18:19-21, *For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him*.
v. 20, *And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;*
v. 21, *I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know*.

E. Angels are God's assistants.

At the Garden of Eden an angel kept Adam and Eve from the Tree of Life.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life*.

F. As His warriors they fight God's battles.

Angels helped Elisha.

II Kings 6:17, *And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

When Israel needed help, a captain of the host of God appeared to Joshua.

Joshua 5:13-14, *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
v. 14, *And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*

G. They wait upon God as servants who do His work for Him.

Angels serve Him as He directs.

Matthew 13:41, *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

H. Angels are intercessors--ministering spirits on man's behalf.

Hebrews 1:7, 14, *And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

v. 14, *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

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Lesson 8

WHEN ANGELS INTERVENE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS

INTRODUCTION:

God is intelligent. He is busy. His messengers are eternally on duty. When a communication of significance is required, He dispatches a heavenly messenger. The Bible lists 104 meetings between a man or a woman and an angel.

READING:

Luke 1:26, 30-31, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*

v. 30, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*
v. 31, *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

1. WHEN ADAM FELL, AN ANGEL INTERVENED.

   The first intervention of angels into human affairs is located at the beginning of the Bible. God did not have a man He could trust when He dispatched angels for this special guard duty.

   Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

2. ANGELS WERE THERE WHEN ABRAHAM WAS TOLD THAT SARAH WOULD BEAR THE PROMISED SON.

   Genesis 18:9-10, *And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.*

v. 10, *And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.*

3. BEFORE JACOB BECAME A NATION, ANGELS APPEARED TO HIM.

Because of the problems at home which he had caused, Jacob had to get away quickly. Sleeping in the open with stones for a pillow, he dreamed a vision of angels which profoundly affected his life. For him to understand this vision meant that he had to know about angels. No doubt he had heard of the angels who appeared to his grandfather, Abraham. Therefore, these angels did not frighten Jacob. The next day he took those stones, made an altar to God, and made a firm commitment that changed his life.

Genesis 28:11-15, *And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.*
v. 12, *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*
v. 13, *And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;*
v. 14, *And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*
v. 15, *And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.*

4. WHEN JOSHUA HAD MORE THAN HE COULD TAKE, AN ANGEL ADVISED HIM.

There are angelic forces helping in the ministry God has called us to do. Isn't it beautiful to know that when you are facing a battle, there is an angel of the Lord to help?

Joshua 5:15, *And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

5. AN ANGEL MINISTERED FAITH TO GIDEON.

When the country was overrun with enemies, and the people of God were hiding in caves and dens in the mountains, an angel appeared to a man named Gideon. When the angel arrived, Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress where he was hiding it from the Midianites. Yet the first words the angel spoke were:

Judges 6:12, *. . . the Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor.*

Judges 6:22-23, *And when Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face.*
v. 23, *And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.*

The angel announced that Gideon had been selected to lead the people of God to overthrow their oppressors. He ministered faith and courage to Gideon, and then the angel sent him out to war where he won a tremendous victory for God.

6. AN ANGEL SHOWED DANIEL THE SCOPE OF GENTILE HISTORY.

Daniel 10:21, *But I will shew thee . . . .*

Daniel communed with an angel. He was told about:

A. The Babylonian Empire

B. The Median and Persian Empire

C. The Grecian Empires

7. WHEN THE WORLD NEEDED A SAVIOR, ANGELS MINISTERED TO JESUS.

A. Angels were present at Jesus' conception.

Luke 1:30, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*

B. Angels were present at Jesus' birth.

Luke 2:8-15, *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*
v. 9, *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*
v. 10, *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*
v. 11, *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*
v. 12, *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*
v. 13, *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,*

v. 14, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*
v. 15, *And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.*

C. Angels were present at Jesus' death.

Luke 22:43, *And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him*.

D. Angels were present at Jesus' resurrection.

Matthew 28:2, *And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it*.

8. WHEN THE KEYS TO THE UNIVERSAL SALVATION HAD TO BE USED, AN ANGEL WAS INVOLVED.

A. Cornelius knew and served God, but he needed information. An angel appeared to him, instructing him where to go for the help he needed.

Acts 10:21-22, *Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?*
v. 22, *And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.*

B. Just before the Second Coming of Christ, there will be many angelic manifestations. The entire book of Revelation is exciting reading on angel activity.

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Lesson 9

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE TESTIFY TO HAVING SEEN ANGELS?

INTRODUCTION:

You are known by the company you keep. It is important to know if reliable and knowledgeable men and women have seen angels.

READING:

Luke 22:43, *And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*

1. WHAT DO ANGELS LOOK LIKE?

   Perhaps an angel fits into every circumstance as the need arises.

   A. In the Word of God, some angels have looked like strong young men. They were handsome with a brilliantly lighted countenance.

      Mark 16:5, *And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.*

   B. Abraham saw angels as hungry travelers.

      Genesis 18:1-2, *And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;*
      v. 2, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them . . .*

      Then Abraham invited the visitors to refresh themselves.

      Genesis 18:5, *And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.*

C. To Joshua, an angel appeared as a soldier.

Joshua 5:15, *And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

D. Daniel vividly described the angel he saw.

Daniel 10:5-6, *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:*
v. 6, *His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

2. ADAM

Men have seen angels from the beginning of time. Adam, the first man, saw an angel at the gate of Eden.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

3. ABRAHAM

Abraham is the father of all Arab nations; he is the father of the Israeli nation; he is the spiritual father of all Christians. This reliable man testified of various experiences with angels.

A. Genesis 18:2, 22, *And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*

v. 22, *And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.*

Genesis 19:1, *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;*

B. Genesis chapter 22 outlines Abraham's obedience when God commanded him to sacrifice Isaac. The Lord used an angel to stop the human offering.

Genesis 22:10-12, *And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.*
v. 11, *And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.*
v. 12, *And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.*

C. In order to show Abraham how pleased He was with that obedience, God sent another message by the angel.

Genesis 22:15-18, *And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,*
v. 16, *And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:*
v. 17, *That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;*
v. 18, *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice*.

4. HAGAR

Hagar, an Egyptian salve, was the first woman recorded as having a prolonged conversation with an angel.

Genesis 16:7, 9-11, *And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur*.

v. 9, *And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.*
v. 10, *And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.*
v. 11, *And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.*

5. LOT AND THE PEOPLE OF SODOM

Lot thought he met two travelers at the gate of Sodom and welcomed them into his house where they would be safe. After they were inside his house, the two men revealed they were angels with a word from God for Lot. Lot, his wife, and his two daughters conversed with the angels who protected them all night and led them to safety the next day. (Genesis 19)

6. JACOB

Jacob, a shrewd businessman who knew how to build a nation, communed with God through an angelic appearance.

A. Genesis 28:12, *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

B. He had further communication with angels and worked with them.

1) Genesis 31:11, *And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.*
2) Genesis 32:1, *And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.*
3) Genesis 32:24, 30, *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

   v. 30, *And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

7. MOSES

Moses, a man of high integrity who saved a whole nation, testified he saw an angel.

Exodus 3:2, *And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush . . .*

8. THE NATION OF ISRAEL

A. An entire nation observed an angel operating in their behalf.

Exodus 14:19, *And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:*

B. Later, an angel addressed the entire body of the nation of Israel.

Judges 2:1, 4, *And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.*

v. 4, *And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.*

9. BALAAM

Balaam was a different kind of person who saw an angel. Perhaps that strengthens the case for angels when we realize that an angel appeared to a man like Balaam. The angel who appeared to Balaam was angry. He revealed himself to an ass before he showed himself to Balaam.

Numbers 22:22, 31, *And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.*

v. 31, *Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.*

Your spiritual eyes need to go further than your natural eyes to see what God has for you.

10. THE APOSTLES

The apostles saw angels when Jesus went up to heaven.

Acts 1:10, *And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;*

11. JOSEPH, MARY'S HUSBAND

Matthew 1:20-21, *But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*
v. 21, *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

An angel appeared in a dream and announced the birth of Jesus. Knowing that his wife was a good person and not a woman of adultery put Joseph's mind at ease.

CONCLUSION:

Remember that these people who saw angels were active people. They were involved in things. When they saw the angels, they immediately communicated this blessing to others. The messages brought by the angels needed to be shared.

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Lesson 10

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE QUALIFY TO RECEIVE ANGEL SERVICE?

INTRODUCTION:

God's angels do not help hypocrites or people who do not truly love God. They cannot bless ignorance; therefore, you must be wise and knowledgeable of the truth concerning angels. Angels have to bless spirituality. They pay attention to people who really want to do something for God.

READING:

Daniel 8:15-16, *And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.* v. 16, *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*

1. THOSE WHO KNOW GOD PERSONALLY

   A. Angels are related directly to God. They are the messengers, praisers, and adorers of God who make the music around the throne of God.

   B. The knowledge of God is the beginning of spiritual manifestations.

2. THOSE WHO SERVE GOD DEVOUTLY

   A. Daniel prayed when the law forbade it. He deliberately prayed in front of an open window and let the fresh air waft his prayer out over the city of Babylon.

      Daniel 6:10, *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.*

B. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a righteous woman. She was willing to suffer embarrassment and malicious talk in order to serve God. The prayer she prayed is a masterpiece of devotion to God.

Luke 1:30, 45-50, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*

v. 45, *And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.*
v. 46, *And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,*
v. 47, *And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*
v. 48, *For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*
v. 49, *For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.*
v. 50, *And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.*

C. Cornelius was a devout Gentile. He was fasting, praying, and seeking God when God sent an angel to tell him what to do.

Acts 10:1-5, *There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,*
v. 2, *A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.*
v. 3, *He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.*
v. 4, *And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.*
v. 5, *And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:*

3. THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED

Angel service may come to us when we are in a time of tremendous need. When we do not know what else to do, God intervenes with supernatural aid.

A. Joshua was in need of military assistance when God sent His angel.

Joshua 5:13-15, *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
v. 14, *And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*

v. 15, *And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

B. Daniel was in the den of lions when God sent His angel. Without help Daniel would have been devoured, but an angel preserved him.

Daniel 6:22, *My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.*

C. Peter was in prison facing death when God sent His angel.

Acts 12:7, *And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.*

D. Jacob was caught between two armies when he wrestled with an angel. His uncle was coming against him with an army on one side and his brother was coming with armed men on the other side. Afraid his entire family would be massacred, he went alone to pray and saw an angel.

Genesis 32:24, *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

4. THOSE WHO NEED INFORMATION

A. Mary needed information about her mysterious conception. God used an angel to answer her questions.

Luke 1:31, *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

B. Cornelius needed information for salvation. An angel brought Peter and Cornelius together.

Acts 10:6, *He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.*

5. THOSE WHO NEED REVELATION OF THE FUTURE

A. Daniel—Often an angel is involved in situations of revelation, helping people understand the truth of God. In Daniel 8:16, God specifically told Gabriel to help Daniel understand his vision.

B. Ezekiel—Ezekiel 40:3-4, *And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.*
v. 4, *And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.*

C. John—Revelation 1:1, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

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Lesson 11

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD & FOURTH KINDS

INTRODUCTION:

When God created man, He built in a desire for the supernatural. Man has the potential for reaching beyond the natural realm.

READING;

Genesis 17:1-5, *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*
v. 2, *And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.*
v. 3, *And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,*
v. 4, *As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.*
v. 5, *Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.*

1. GOD THE FATHER IS THE FIRST KIND OF ENCOUNTER.

   A. In Eden, Adam had a positive and fulfilling encounter with God. He talked with God on a face-to-face basis.

      Genesis 3:8, *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day . . .*

   B. Enoch walked with God and was translated to heaven. He had an encounter of the first kind.

      Genesis 5:24, *And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.*

C. God was pleased with Noah.

Genesis 6:8, *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

D. Abraham was called a friend of God.

James 2:23, *. . . Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God*.

E. Jacob saw God.

Genesis 28:13, *And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;*

F. Moses saw God on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 33:19, *And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy*.

G. David had a father-son relationship with God.

II Samuel 7:14, *I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:*

2. CHRIST THE SON IS THE SECOND KIND OF ENCOUNTER.

A. Mary had the second kind of encounter with Christ, the Son of God.

Luke 2:7, *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn*.

B. The shepherds encountered Jesus at His birth.

Luke 2:16, *And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger*.

C. When Jesus was twelve years old, the teachers and lawyers at the temple had an encounter with Him. They listened to His questions and they listened to His answers, perceiving that He was an unusual child.

Luke 2:46, *And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.*

D. John had an encounter with Christ at the water baptism.

Luke 3:21-22, *Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,*
v. 22, *And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased*.

E. Satan encountered Jesus at the temptation.

Luke 4:2, *Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.*

F. His disciples had encounters with Christ.

Luke 5:27-28, *. . . he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom; and he said unto him, Follow me*.
v. 28, *And he left all, rose up, and followed him.*

G. Lepers encountered Jesus in His ministry.

Luke 17:12-13, *. . . there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:*
v. 13, *And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*

H. Pilate and the chief priests encountered Jesus in His death.

Luke 23:4, *Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man*.

3. HOLY SPIRIT IS THE THIRD KIND OF ENCOUNTER.

A. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to one hundred and twenty believers.

Acts 2:4, *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*.

B. The Spirit led Philip into the desert.

Acts 8:29, *Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.*

C. The church encountered the spirit of boldness.

Acts 4:31, *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness*.

4. ANGELS ARE THE FOURTH KIND OF ENCOUNTER.

A. Man can encounter God's angels.

1) Jacob wrestled with an angel.

Genesis 32:24, *And Jacob . . . wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*

2) Lot was rescued by angels.

Genesis 19:16, *And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.*

3) Joseph was informed by an angel.

Matthew 1:20, *. . . the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.*

4) God's angels are real.

5) God's angels are mighty.

B. The devil's angels--demons

1) There are powers of witchcraft, spiritism, and the occult.

2) It is another world of darkness and depression.

3) In the Great Commission, Jesus commanded Christians to confront these demons and set people free.

Mark 16:17, *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils . . .*

C. Every Christian has the divine authority to exorcise evil spirits. If you belong to Jesus Christ, you have the right to pray for those who need to be set free.

1) I John 4:4, *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

2) James 4:7, *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

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THE REBELLIOUS ANGELS

INTRODUCTION:

The greatest catastrophe in history was Satan's rebellion in Heaven. Man's darkest hour occurred when he joined with the devil in rebellion against God.

READING:

Isaiah 14:12-14, *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*
v. 13, *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*
v. 14, *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High*.

1. THE REBEL'S FALL

   Rebellion is pride and exaltation of self. By lifting himself up, Satan became a rebel. How amazing it is that the first person in the universe to miss God was an angel! (Isaiah 14:12-14)

2. REBELLION IN PARADISE

   Lucifer was not content to be the most beautiful, intelligent creature in God's creation and a member of the highest order of angels. Satan aspired to a position of equality with God. His contest seems to have dealt most specifically with Jesus Christ, although the entire Godhead was challenged! This conflict has endured through the ages and will not be entirely consummated until Satan is cast into the lake of fire forever and ever.

3. REBEL POWER

   His titles, abilities, and sphere of influence are clearly defined. Ezekiel 28:14 reads, *Thou are the anointed cherub that covereth*. Satan is called "the cherub that

covereth." Cherubs attend to the holiness of God. They covered the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies.

Exodus 25:20, *And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.*

4. FROM AN ANGEL TO A DEVIL

Satan fell, first, through pride over his personal beauty. He was called the "Rising Sun" (son of the morning) because of his brilliance!

Isaiah 14:12, *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

Pride is a destroyer.

5. LUCIFER, THE DEVIL, IS A REAL PERSON.

A. The devil is not an influence, idea, or abstract design. He is a person.

B. The Bible warns against the silliness of this world. Some people are continually laughing and treating everything as a big comedy, as though they are drunk on silliness.

God, however, in one short verse calls Satan an adversary, a devil, a roaring lion and a devourer. He advises Christians to be "sober" and watchful.

I Peter 5:8, *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

C. Personal names and titles are given to him.

Revelation 20:1-2, *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
v. 2, *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

D. Because he is an actual entity, personal acts and attributes are ascribed to him.

Isaiah 13:12-15, *I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.*
v. 13, *Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.*

v. 14, *And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.*
v. 15, *Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.*

E. Jesus dealt with the devil as a person.

Matthew 4:1-11, *Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*
v. 2, *And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.*
v. 3, *And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
v. 4, *But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*
v. 5, *Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,*
v. 6, *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
v. 7, *Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*
v. 8, *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*
v. 9, *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*
v. 10, *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
v. 11, *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

F. Jesus waged war on Satan as a person.

Luke 4:8, *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

G. Paul fought with Satan as with a real person.

Ephesians 6:10-18, *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*
v. 11, *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

v. 12, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
v. 13, *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
v. 14, *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*
v. 15, *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
v. 16, *Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
v. 17, *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
v. 18, *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

H. The devil has been spoken of as having a heart, pride, speech, knowledge, power, desires, lusts and many other soulical parts, soulical passions and soulical faculties.

6. REBEL ANGELS ARE SINFUL AND REBELLIOUS.

A. Like their boss, rebel angels are also personalities who talk, think, feel, and act.

II Peter 2:4, *For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

B. Jude 6, *And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

C. Revelation 12:7-9, *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
v. 8, *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*
v. 9, *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

7. EVIL ANGELS DECEIVE.

Evil angels will deceive nations, cities, or families who turn their hearts against God, leading them deeper into sin.

Psalm 78:49, *He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.*

8. REBELS WILL BE PUNISHED.

As the emissaries of Satan, the rebel angels opposed the saints of God, and they will be punished.

A. Isaiah 24:21-22, *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.*
v. 22, *And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited*.

B. Over the face of the earth today there is a covering of unbelief from the devil. A veil is spread over the nations so they cannot see God nor comprehend salvation. God promises to destroy that veil.

Isaiah 25:7, *And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations*.

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PROPHECIES AND ANGELS

INTRODUCTION:

Angels have always been deeply involved in prophecy. They bring to the world a word of wisdom (first gift of the Holy Spirit) from God to man. This gift foretells the future.

READING:

Matthew 24:31, *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

1. ANGELS PREDICTED THE DOOM OF SODOM.

   The angels in Lot's house prophesied the destruction of the city.

   Genesis 19:13, *For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.*

2. ANGELS CONVEYED TO DANIEL THE NATURE AND DESTINY OF EMPIRES.

   Angels stressed to Daniel that his vision was not about the present time, but for the future.

   Daniel 8:15-19, *And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.*
   v. 16, *And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.*
   v. 17, *So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.*
   v. 18, *Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.*

v. 19, *And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.*

3. AN ANGEL PREDICTED TO MARY THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH.

Gabriel appeared to Mary, telling her she would have a son, and named Him.

Luke 1:26-33, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*
v. 27, *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*
v. 28, *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*
v. 29, *And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*
v. 30, *And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*
v. 31, *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*
v. 32, *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:*
v. 33, *And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

If God said through the mouth of an angel that something "shall," it will come to pass.

4. ANGELS WILL GATHER UP THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.

A. Angels will look from one end of the universe to the other for the elect.

Matthew 24:31, *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

B. Matthew 25:31, *When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:*

5. AN ANGEL PREDICTED THE COMING OF GREAT TRIBULATION UPON THE EARTH.

The angel described the Antichrist, whose face and eyes would look so strong that no man could stand before him. This great ruler who brings prosperity to the world will be demon-possessed. His heart will be filled with conceit, and the very peace

he brings to the world will cause people to trust and serve the man, Antichrist, instead of God.

Daniel 8:23-27, *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*
v. 24, *And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.*
v. 25, *And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.*
v. 26, *And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.*
v. 27, *And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.*

6. ANGELS WILL PREACH THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL.

When the church is gone from this world, the angels will preach the gospel.

Revelation 14:6-7, *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*
v. 7, *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters*.

7. ANGELS WILL CLEAR THE AIRWAYS.

While she was on a plane flying 35,000 feet high over the Atlantic Ocean, Mrs. Elizabeth Farrior heard from God that the angels would clear and release the American airways from demon power and possession so Christians could control the airways and preach the gospel of Christ to millions of people in these last days.

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ANGELS FIGHT THE ANTICHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

Angels are going to participate in the Great Tribulation. The book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, speaks more about angels than any other book of the Bible (46 times). In the final battle between God and the devil, angels have an important role.

READING:

Revelation 20:1-3, *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
v. 2, *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
v. 3, *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

1. THE APOSTLE JOHN GAVE THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION: GOD SENT HIS ANGEL.

   An angel was used to reveal to John the events that would surely happen.

   Revelation 22:6, *And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.*

2. ANOTHER MIGHTY ANGEL DECLARED THAT "TIME" WOULD BE NO MORE.

   Revelation 10:1, 3, 5-6, *And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:*

v. 3, *And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

v. 5, *And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,*
v. 6, *And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:*

3. THE SEVENTH ANGEL PROCLAIMED THE SALVATION OF THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD.

Revelation 11:15-18, *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
v. 16, *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
v. 17, *Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*
v. 18, *And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*

4. MICHAEL AND HIS ANGELS, NOT GOD, FOUGHT SATAN.

An angel will culminate the cosmic warfare between God and the devil.

Revelation 12:7-12, *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*
v. 8 , *And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.*
v. 9, *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*
v. 10, *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
v. 11, *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*
v. 12, *Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

5. AN ANGEL WILL PREACH THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL DURING THE TRIBULATION.

How wonderful that an angel of God will preach the Gospel of truth, coming directly against the Antichrist's system of unbelief and wickedness.

Revelation 14:6-7, *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*
v. 7, *Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

6. A THIRD ANGEL WARNS AGAINST WORSHIP OF THE ANTICHRIST.

Anyone who supports the Antichrist will participate in the wrath of God, and the suffering of the wicked will be in the presence of the angels.

Revelation 14:9-11, *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*
v. 10, *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*
v. 11, *And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

Revelation 14:15-20, *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*
v. 16, *And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.*
v. 17, *And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.*
v. 18, *And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.*
v. 19, *And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.*
v. 20, *And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

7. FOUR ANGELS PLUS ONE DETERMINE JUDGMENT.

Angels will direct the action during the Great Tribulation. There are four which withhold judgment for a time.

Revelation 7:1-4, *And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*
v. 2, *And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,*
v. 3, *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*
v. 4, *And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

8. ANOTHER ANGEL AT THE ALTAR HELPS IN WORSHIP.

During the days of the Great Tribulation, mankind will need more help than at any other time. One angel is involved, not on the battlefield, but in the area of worship, blessing, and helping people, strengthening them during that awful time.

Revelation 8:3, *And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*

9. ANGELS DELIVER GOD'S JUDGMENT TO THE EARTH.

Revelation 16:1-21, *And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*
v. 2, *And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.*
v. 3, *And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.*
v. 4, *And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.*
v. 5, *And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.*
v. 6, *For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.*
v. 7, *And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*
v. 8, *And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.*

v. 9, *And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.*
v. 10, *And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,*
v. 11, *And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.*
v. 12, *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*
v. 13, *And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*
v. 14, *For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.*
v. 15, *Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.*
v. 16, *And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*
v. 17, *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*
v. 18, *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*
v. 19, *And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*
v. 20, *And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*
v. 21, *And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

10. AN ANGEL CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE TO TERMINATE BABYLON.

Revelation 18:2, *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

"Babylon" can apply to more than one area:

A. Spiritually, the term represents the confusion of this world.

B. Physically, the name can mean a particular location.

1) Some people believe that Babylon is the city of Rome where much religious power is centralized.
2) Others think Babylon refers to New York City where the United Nations established its headquarters.
3) Still others believe it means the actual Iranian city.

C. Whatever it is, Babylon will certainly fall, and the angels will help to bring that to pass.

11. ANGEL IN THE SUN CASTS THE ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHETS INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

An angel so brilliant that he was described as "standing in the sun" proclaimed the events of the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 19:17-21, *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;*
v. 18, *That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.*
v. 19, *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*
v. 20, *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*
v. 21, *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

12. ANGELS IN THE LAST CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE

The Lord Jesus Christ sent his angel to convey the amazing truth of the termination of human government.

Revelation 22:8-16, *And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which showed me these things.*
v. 9, *Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.*

v. 10, *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.*
v. 11, *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*
v. 12, *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*
v. 13, *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*
v. 14, *Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*
v. 15, *For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*
v. 16, *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

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YOUR PRIVATE ANGEL

INTRODUCTION:

A. Life is essentially personal!

B. The ministry of angels is very often personal.

C. Jacob's angelic encounter at the brook Jabbok was personal and forever changed him.

Genesis 32:24, *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day*.

D. The Virgin Mary surely remembered the visit of the angel Gabriel all her life.

Luke 1:26-28, *And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,*
v. 27, *To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*
v. 28, *And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women*.

READING:

Psalm 91:11, *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways*.

1. "MINE ANGEL" IS A PARTICULAR DESIGNATION.

God can use either a general term or a specific term when He describes angels.

A. Exodus 23:20-21 refers to any angel.

Exodus 23:20-21, *Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared*.

v. 21, *Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him*.

B. However, God also identifies individual angels.

Exodus 23:23, *For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.*

Exodus 32:34, *Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.*

There are others here who are not seen with the natural eye.

2. GUARDIAN ANGELS REMAIN CLOSE.

If you fear God, you have an angel by your side to protect you.

Psalm 34:7, *The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them*.

3. ANGELS BRING ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

Angels minister in the area of prayer. You may pray and think, "Nothing happened." Yet because of that prayer, a battle may be occurring in the universe.

A. Daniel 9:21-23, *Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation*.
v. 22, *And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding*.
v. 23, *At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision*.

B. Daniel 10:12, *Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*

C. Daniel 10:13, *But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia*.

4. THE CHILDREN'S ANGELS ARE WATCHFUL.

If you mistreat a child, that child's angel relates it to the Father in heaven. One of the ministries of angels is to report what goes on down here.

Matthew 18;10, *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

5. GOD'S VICTORY CORPS ARE JOYOUS.

What a record!

A. Angels never get old.

B. No angel has failed to accomplish his task.

C. No angel has ever become discouraged or sad.

D. No angel has ever been hurt in battle.

E. No angel has ever become fearful of the enemy.

F. There is total victory for God.

G. There is total victory for saints.

H. There is total victory for angels.

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ANGELS FOREVER

INTRODUCTION:

Angels are not short-term missionaries in God's eternal program. The time will never come when He will turn to them and say, "Sorry, I have no further use for you." Angels will certainly continue their work of praising and worshiping God throughout eternity. They will always be standing by to serve God in any way He desires.

READING:

Revelation 5:11-12, *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*
v. 12, *Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

1. REDEEMED BELIEVERS WILL MEET ANGELS.

   A. We are living in the last days, and there will be multitude appearances of angels to mankind on earth. In many instances believers will be served by angels.

      Hebrews 1:14, *Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

   B. Meeting angels in heaven will be, I believe, one of our greatest sources of joy up there.

      1) In heaven we will have perfect knowledge, and we will know people and angels instinctively.

         I Corinthians 13:12, *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

2) Believers will observe angels in their bountiful worship to God.
3) They will witness angels' service for God.
4) Believers will judge angels.

I Corinthians 6:3, *Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?*

2. MEN WILL CONVERSE WITH THE ANGELS WHO WORK WITH THEM ON EARTH.

A. Adam can converse with the angel who kept him from the Tree of Life.

Perhaps Adam might want to clear up some things concerning the Tree of Life. He might tell that cherubim (see Genesis 3:24), "If you had not been there with that flaming sword, I would have sneaked back in and eaten some of that fruit."

"I know," that angel might reply, "but that would have been a terrible thing for you and all who came after you because you would have lived forever in your sinful state. God is so merciful and gracious that He could not allow that."

B. Jacob can meet with the angels who revealed heaven to him.

Genesis 28:12, *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

C. Daniel, Joshua, and the three Hebrew children can clarify the questions they had about the angels who aided them.

3. WE CAN ASK ANGELS QUESTIONS DIRECTLY.

A. How did they feel when Jesus took on a human body, and what were their emotions when Jesus returned to heaven?

B. What did the good angels think when they witnessed the rebellion of Satan and watched as perhaps one-third of their number left heaven? Did they try to prevent those foolish angels from taking that tragic step?

C. Do all angels have the power to manifest themselves in human form? How did angels feel when they appeared to men?

D. What did the angels feel when they watched the Lord Jesus being taken captive the night before His death?

4. ANGELS ARE ETERNAL.

Luke 20:36, *Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*

On earth we get caught up with transitory things. Our clothes wear out and have to be discarded. The washing machine or car breaks down and must be replaced. Even the information we learn in school soon becomes outdated.

Angels are not like that. They were not made for a certain brief period of time. Throughout eternity we will have fellowship with the angels of God, just like we will have fellowship with the redeemed who have been living for Jesus during all these years.

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COMPLETE BIBLE REFERENCE TO ANGELS

1. ANGEL: Singular

Gen.	3:24,	*. . . of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword . . .*
	16:7,	*. . . the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of . . .*
	16:9,	*. . . the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return . . .*
	16:10,	*. . . the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will . . .*
	16:11,	*. . . the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold . . .*
	21:17,	*. . . the angel of God called to Hagar . . .*
	22:11,	*. . . the angel of the Lord called to him . . .*
	22:15,	*. . . angel of the Lord called unto Abraham . . .*
	24:7,	*. . . he shall send his angel before thee . . .*
	24:40,	*. . . The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel . . .*
	31:11,	*. . . the angel of God spake unto me . . .*
	48:16,	*. . . the Angel which redeemed me from all evil . . .*
Ex.	3:2,	*. . . angel of the Lord appeared unto him . . .*
	14:19,	*. . . the angel of God, which went before . . .*
	23:20,	*. . . Behold, I send an Angel before thee . . .*
	:23,	*. . . mine Angel shall go before thee . . .*
	32:34,	*. . . mine Angel shall go before thee . . .*
	33:2,	*. . . I will send an angel before thee . . .*
Num.	20:16,	*. . . he heard our voice, and sent an angel . . .*
	22:22,	*. . . the angel of the Lord stood in the way . . .*
	22:23,	*. . . the ass saw the angel of the Lord . . .*
	22:24,	*. . . the angel of the Lord stood in a path . . .*
	22:25,	*And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord . . .*
	22:26,	*. . . the angel of the Lord went further . . .*
	22:27,	*. . . the angel of the Lord, she fell down . . .*
	22:31,	*. . . he saw the angel of the Lord standing . . .*
	22:32,	*. . . the angel of the Lord said unto him . . .*
	22:34,	*. . . Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord . . .*
	22:35,	*. . . angel of the Lord said unto Balaam . . .*

Judges	2:1,	. . . *and angel of the Lord came up from . . .*
	2:4,	. . . *when the angel of the Lord spake . . .*
	5:23,	. . . *Meroz, said the angel of the Lord . . .*
	6:11,	. . . *there came an angel of the Lord . . .*
	6:12,	. . . *angel of the Lord appeared unto him . . .*
	6:20,	. . . *the angel of God said unto him . . .*
	6:21,	. . . *angel of the Lord put forth the end . . .*
		. . . *the angel of the Lord departed . . .*
	6:22,	. . . *perceived that he was an angel . . .*
		. . . *I have seen an angel of the Lord . . .*
	13:3,	. . . *the angel of the Lord appeared unto . . .*
	13:6	. . . *like the countenance of an angel . . .*
	13:9,	. . . *the angel of God came again unto the . . .*
	13:13,	. . . *the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah . . .*
	13:15, 17,	. . . *Manoah said unto the angel of the Lord . . .*
	13:16,	. . . *the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah . . .*
		. . . *Manoah knew not that he was an angel . . .*
	13:18,	. . . *And the angel of the Lord said . . .*
	13:19,	. . . *and the angel did wondrously . . .*
	13:20,	. . . *the angel of the Lord ascended in the . . .*
	13:21,	. . . *angel of the Lord did no more appear . . .*
		. . . *Manoah knew that he was an angel . . .*
I Sam.	29:9,	. . . *good in my sight, as an angel of God . . .*
II Sam.	14:17,	. . . *angel of God, so is my lord the king . . .*
	14:20,	. . . *to the wisdom of an angel of God . . .*
	19:27,	. . . *the king is as an angel of God . . .*
	24:16,	. . . *when the angel stretched out his hand . . .*
		. . . *to the angel that destroyed the people . . .*
	24:17,	. . . *the angel that smote the people . . .*
I Kings	13:18,	. . . *and an angel spake unto me by the . . .*
	19:5,	. . . *an angel touched him, and said unto . . .*
	19:7,	. . .*the angel of the Lord came again . . .*
II Kings	1:3,	. . . *the angel of the Lord said to Elijah . . .*
	1:15,	. . . *the angel of the Lord said unto Elijah . . .*
	19:35,	. . . *the angel of the Lord went out . . .*
I Chron.	21:12,	. . . *and the angel of the Lord destroying . . .*
	21:15,	. . . God sent an angel unto Jerusalem . . .
		. . . angel that destroyed, It is enough . . .
		. . . And the angel of the Lord stood by . . .
	21:16,	. . . saw the angel of the Lord stand . . .
	21:18,	. . . the angel of the Lord commanded . . .
	21:20,	. . . Ornan turned back, and saw the angel . . .
	21:27,	. . . And the Lord commanded the angel . . .
	21:30,	. . . the sword of the angel of the Lord . . .

II Chron.	32:21,	. . . the LORD sent an angel, which cut off . . .
Psalm	34:7,	. . . the angel of the Lord encampeth . . .
	35:5,	. . . let the angel of the Lord chase them . . .
	35:6,	. . . let the angel of the Lord persecute . . .
Eccles.	5:6,	. . . neither say thou before the angel . . .
Isaiah	37:36,	. . . the angel of the Lord went forth . . .
	63:9,	. . . the angel of his presence saved them . . .
Daniel	3:28,	. . . who hath sent his angel, and delivered . . .
	6:22,	My God hath sent his angel, and hath . . .
Hosea	12:4,	. . . he had power over the angel . . .
Zech.	1:9,	. . . the angel that talked with me . . .
	1:11,	. . . they answered the angel of the Lord . . .
	1:12,	. . . angel of the Lord answered and said, . . .
	1:13,	. . . the Lord answered the angel that . . .
	1:14,	. . . the angel that communed with me . . .
	1:19,	. . . I said unto the angel that talked . . .
	2:3,	. . . angel that talked with me went forth, . . .
		. . . and another angel went out to meet him.
	3:1,	. . . the angel of the Lord, and Satan . . .
	3:3,	. . . stood before the angel . . .
	3:5,	. . . the angel of the Lord stood by . . .
	3:6,	. . . the angel of the Lord protested unto . . .
	4:1,	. . . angel that talked with me came again . . .
	4:4,	. . . spake to the angel that talked with . . .
	4:5,	. . . angel that talked with me went forth . . .
	5:5,	. . . angel that talked with me went forth . . .
	5:10,	. . . said I to the angel that talked with me . . .
	6:4,	. . . I answered and said unto the angel . . .
	6:5,	. . . the angel answered and said unto me . . .
	12:8,	. . . as the angel of the Lord before them . . .
Matt.	1:20,	. . . angel of the Lord appeared unto him . . .
	1:24,	. . . did as the angel of the Lord had bidden . . .
	2:13,	. . . angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph . . .
	2:19,	. . . behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth . . .
	28:2,	. . . for the angel of the Lord descended . . .
	28:5,	. . . the angel answered and said unto the . . .
Luke	1:11,	. . . appeared unto him an angel of the Lord . . .
	1:13,	. . . the angel said unto him, Fear not, . . .
	1:18,	. . . Zacharias said unto the angel, . . .
	1:19,	. . . the angel answering said unto him . . .
	1:26,	. . . the angel Gabriel was sent from God . . .
	1:28,	. . . and the angel came in unto her . . .
	1:30,	. . . angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: . . .
	1:34,	. . . then said Mary unto the angel, . . .

	1:35,	. . . the angel answered and said unto her, . . .
	1:38,	. . . the angel departed from her . . .
	2:9,	. . . the angel of the Lord came upon them . . .
	2:10,	. . . the angel said unto them, Fear not: . . .
	2:13,	. . . with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host . . .
	2:21,	. . . which was so named of the angel . . .
	22:43,	. . . there appeared an angel unto him . . .
John	5:4,	. . . angel went down at a certain season . . .
	12:29,	. . . others said, An angel spake to him . . .
Acts	5:19,	. . . the angel of the Lord by night opened . . .
	6:15,	. . . as it had been the face of an angel . . .
	7:30,	. . . an angel of the Lord in a flame . . .
	7:35,	. . . the hand of the angel which appeared . . .
	7:38,	. . . with the angel which spake to him . . .
	8:26,	. . . angel of the Lord spake unto Philip . . .
	10:3,	. . . an angel of God coming in to him . . .
	10:7,	. . . the angel which spake unto Cornelius . . .
	11:13,	. . . how he had seen an angel in his house . . .
	12:7,	. . . the angel of the Lord came upon him . . .
	12:8,	. . . the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, . . .
	12:9,	. . . which was done by the angel . . .
	12:10,	. . . forthwith the angel departed . . .
	12:11,	. . . the Lord hath sent his angel . . .
	12:15,	. . . said they, It is his angel . . .
	12:23,	. . . the angel of the Lord smote him . . .
	23:8,	. . . resurrection, neither angel nor spirit: . . .
	23:9,	. . . if a spirit or an angel hath spoken . . .
	27:23,	. . . by me this night the angel of God, . . .
II Cor.	11:14,	. . . transformed into an angel of light . . .
Gal.	1:8,	. . . we, or an angel from heaven, preach . . .
	4:14,	. . . received me as an angel of God . . .
Rev.	1:1,	. . . He sent and signified it by his angel . . .
	2:1,	. . . the angel of the church of Ephesus . . .
	2:8,	. . . the angel of the church of Smyrna . . .
	2:12,	. . . to the angel of the church in Pergamos . . .
	2:18,	. . . the angel of the church in Thyatira . . .
	3:1,	. . . unto the angel of the church in Sardis . . .
	3:7,	. . . the angel of the church in Philadelphia . . .
	3:14,	. . . unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans . . .
	5:2,	. . . I saw a strong angel proclaiming . . .
	7:2,	. . . another angel ascending from the east . . .
	8:3,	. . . angel came and stood at the altar . . .
	8:5,	. . . the angel took the censer, and filled it . . .
	8:7,	. . . the first angel sounded, and there . . .

8:8,	. . . the second angel sounded, and as it . . .
8:10,	. . . the third angel sounded, and there fell . . .
8:12,	. . . the fourth angel sounded, and the . . .
8:13,	. . . an angel flying through the midst . . .
9:1	. . . the fifth angel sounded, and I saw . . .
9:11,	. . . which is the angel of the bottomless pit . . .
9:13,	. . . and the sixth angel sounded . . .
9:14,	. . . saying to the sixth angel which had the . . .
10:1,	. . . and I saw another mighty angel come . . .
10:5,	. . . angel which I saw stand upon the sea . . .
10:7,	. . . of the voice of the seventh angel . . .
10:8,	. . . open in the hand of the angel . . .
10:9,	. . . I went unto the angel, and said unto him . . .
11:1,	. . . and the angel stood, saying, Rise . . .
11:15,	. . . and the seventh angel sounded . . .
14:6,	. . . I saw another angel fly in the midst . . .
14:8,	. . . and there followed another angel . . .
14:9,	. . . the third angel followed them . . .
14:15, 17,	. . . angel came out of the temple
14:18,	. . . another angel came out from the altar . . .
14:19.	. . . angel thrust in his sickle into the earth . . .
16:3,	. . . the second angel poured out his vial . . .
16:4,	. . . the third angel poured our his vial . . .
16:5,	. . . I heard the angel of the waters say, . . .
16:8,	. . . the fourth angel poured out his vial . . .
16:10,	. . . the fifth angel poured out his vial . . .
16:12,	. . . the sixth angel poured out his vial . . .
16:17,	. . . the seventh angel poured out his vial . . .
17:7,	. . . and the angel said unto me . . .
18:1,	. . . I saw another angel come down from . . .
18:21,	. . . a mighty angel took up a stone . . .
19:17,	. . . I saw an angel standing in the sun . . .
20:1,	. . . and I saw an angel come down . . .
21:17,	. . . measure of a man, that is, of the angel . . .
22:6,	. . . his angel shew unto his servants . . .
22:8,	. . . before the feet of the angel . . .
22:16,	. . . have sent mine angel to testify unto you . . .

2. Angel's: Singular possessive

Rev.	8:4,	. . . before God out of the angel's hand . . .
	10:10,	. . . the little book out of the angel's hand . . .

3. Angels: Plural

Gen.	19:1,	. . . there came two angels to Sodom . . .
	19:15,	. . . then the angels hastened Lot . . .
	28:12,	. . . the angels of God ascending . . .
	32:1,	. . . and the angels of God met him . . .
Job	4:18,	. . . and his angels he charged with folly . . .
Psalm	8:5,	. . . him a little lower then the angels . . .
	68:17,	. . . thousand, even thousands of angels: . . .
	78:49,	. . . by sending evil angels among them . . .
	91:11,	. . . shall give his angels charge over thee . . .
	103:20,	. . . Bless the Lord, ye his angels . . .
	104:4,	. . . Who maketh his angels spirits; . . .
	148:2,	. . . Praise ye him, all his angels . . .
Matt.	4:6,	. . . He shall give his angels charge . . .
	4:11,	. . . angels came and ministered unto him . . .
	13:39,	. . . and the reapers are the angels . . .
	13:41,	. . . Son of Man shall send forth his angels . . .
	13:49,	. . . the angels shall come forth, and sever . . .
	16:27,	. . . the glory of his Father with his angels . . .
	18:10,	. . .That in heaven their angels do always . . .
	22:30,	. . . are as the angels of God in heaven . . .
	24:31,	. . . And he shall send his angels with a great . . .
	24:36,	. . . no, not the angels of heaven . . .
	25:31,	. . . all the holy angels with him . . .
	25:41,	. . . prepared for the devil and his angels . . .
	26:53,	. . . more than twelve legions of angels? . . .
Mark	1:13,	. . . and the angels ministered unto him . . .
	8:38,	. . . glory of his Father with the holy angels . . .
	12:25,	. . . are as the angels which are in heaven . . .
	13:27,	. . . then shall he send his angels . . .
	13:32,	. . . not the angels which are in heaven . . .
Luke	2:15,	. . . as the angels were gone away from them . . .
	4:10,	. . . He shall give his angels charge over thee . . .
	9:26,	. . . in his Father's, and of the holy angels . . .
	12:8,	. . . confess before the angels of God . . .
	12:9,	. . . denied before the angels of God . . .
	15:10,	. . . in the presence of the angels of . . .
	16:22,	. . . carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom . . .
	20:36,	. . . for they are equal unto the angels . . .
	24:23,	. . . had also seen a vision of angels . . .
John	1:51,	. . . the angels of God ascending and . . .
	20:12,	. . . seeth two angels in white sitting, . . .
Acts	7:53,	. . . the law by the disposition of angels . . .
Rom.	8:38,	. . . nor life, nor angels, nor principalities . . .

I Cor.	4:9,	. . . world, and to the angels, and to men . . .
	6:3,	. . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels? . . .
	11:10,	. . . on her head because of the angels . . .
	13:1,	. . . the tongues of men and of angels, . . .
Gal.	3:19,	. . . and it was ordained by angels in the . . .
Col.	2:18,	. . . humility and worshiping of angels, . . .
II Thess.	1:7,	. . . from heaven with his mighty angels . . .
I Tim.	3:16,	. . . in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached . . .
	5:21,	. . . Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, . . .
Heb.	1:4,	. . . made so much better than the angels, . . .
	1:5,	. . . unto which of the angels said he at . . .
	1:6,	. . . let all the angels of God worship him . . .
	1:7,	. . . of the angels he saith . . .
		. . . Who maketh his angels spirits . . .
	1:13,	. . . to which of the angels said he at any time . . .
	2:2,	. . . if the word spoken by angels was . . .
	2:5,	. . . unto the angels hath he not put in . . .
	2:7,	. . . a little lower than the angels . . .
	2:9,	. . . made a little lower than the angels . . .
	2:16,	. . . not on him the nature of angels . . .
	12:22,	. . . an innumerable company of angels, . . .
	13:2,	. . . some have entertained angels unawares . . .
I Pet.	1:12,	. . . things the angels desire to look into . . .
	3:22,	. . . angels and authorities and powers being . . .
II Pet.	2:4,	. . . spared not the angels that sinned . . .
	2:11,	. . . whereas angels, which are greater . . .
Jude	6,	. . . angels which kept not their first estate, . . .
Rev.	1:20,	. . . the angels of the seven churches . . .
	3:5,	. . . my Father and before his angels . . .
	5:11,	. . . I heard the voice of many angels round . . .
	7:1,	. . . I saw four angels standing on the four . . .
	7:2,	. . . with a loud voice to the four angels . . .
	7:11,	. . . all the angels stood round about the throne . . .
	8:2,	. . . I saw the seven angels which stood . . .
	8:6,	. . . angels which had the seven trumpets . . .
	8:13,	. . . the trumpet of the three angels, which . . .
	9:14,	. . . Loose the four angels which are bound . . .
	9:15,	. . . and the four angels were loosed, . . .
	12:7,	. . . Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; . . .
		. . . and the dragon fought and his angels . . .
	12:9,	. . . his angels were cast our with him . . .
	14:10,	. . . in the presence of the holy angels, . . .
	15:1,	. . . seven angels having the seven last . . .
	15:6,	. . . seven angels came out of the temple . . .

15:7,	. . . gave unto the seven angels seven golden . . .
15:8,	. . . of the seven angels were fulfilled . . .
16:1,	. . . saying to the seven angels, Go your ways . . .
17:1,	. . . one of the seven angels which had the . . .
21:9,	. . . unto me one of the seven angels which . . .
21:12,	. . . at the gates twelve angels, . . .

4. Angels'

Psalm	78:25,	. . . Man did eat angels' food . . .